
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND
TOURISM TO ESTABLISH THE COMMISSION FOR HAWAII'S FUTURE TO
GUIDE AND PREPARE HAWAII FOR REDUCED MILITARY SPENDING.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's economy is deeply dependent on military
2 spending, with over fourteen per cent of the State's gross
3 domestic product derived from federal defense expenditures; and
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5 WHEREAS, as part of its 2020 Force Structure Realignment,
6 the United States Army is currently considering a proposal to
7 eliminate 16,606 active duty soldiers from Schofield Barracks
8 and 3,786 active duty soldiers from Fort Shafter, resulting in a
9 projected loss of \$1,350,000,000 to the Hawaii economy,
10 including approximately \$9,200,000 in general excise tax
11 receipts; and
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13 WHEREAS, it is prudent for the State to plan for the
14 possibility of a reduced military presence so that those now
15 employed by, or reliant upon, the military sector can be
16 transitioned to alternative employment, and communities that are
17 dependent on revenue generated by military spending can create
18 other revenue streams by planning for, and promoting the
19 development of, alternative sources of income; and
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21 WHEREAS, one other state, Connecticut, has enacted
22 legislation establishing a Futures Commission tasked with
23 developing a plan, legislation, and programming to help the
24 state convert from defense spending to other forms of job
25 creation, including construction, clean energy research,
26 infrastructure development, and transportation enhancement; and
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28 WHEREAS, Hawaii has no planning body tasked with guiding
29 the State in adapting to the potential economic changes arising
30 from reduced military spending; now, therefore,



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2 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
3 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
4 Session of 2015, that the Director of Business, Economic
5 Development, and Tourism is urged to establish the Commission
6 for Hawaii's Future to address expected reduced United States
7 Department of Defense expenditures by establishing a plan and
8 making recommendations for increasing economic activity in:

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10 (1) Infrastructure improvements;
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12 (2) Reindustrialization with sustainable technologies;
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14 (3) Clean energy research and development;
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16 (4) Social and human services; and
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18 (5) Other fields; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Business,
21 Economic Development, and Tourism or the Director's designee is
22 requested to serve as the chairperson of the Commission for
23 Hawaii's Future and that the following individuals, or their
24 designees, are invited to be members of the Commission for
25 Hawaii's Future:

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27 (1) Director of Labor and Industrial Relations;
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29 (2) Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
30 Resources;
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32 (3) Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu;
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34 (4) President of the University of Hawaii System;
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36 (5) The Chairperson of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs;
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38 (6) President of the Hawaii State AFL-CIO; and
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40 (7) President of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governor is requested to
2 invite representatives from the following to become members of
3 the Commission for Hawaii's Future:

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- 5 (1) One member from a financial institution;
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- 7 (2) One member from a building or construction trade
- 8 union;
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- 10 (3) One member from an environmental organization;
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- 12 (4) Two members from affected communities;
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- 14 (5) One member from a religious organization; and
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- 16 (6) One member from the military; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission for Hawaii's
19 Future is requested to report its findings, recommendations, and
20 proposed legislation, if any, to the Legislature no later than
21 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
22 2016; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Director
26 of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Director of
27 Labor and Industrial Relations; Chairperson of the Board of Land
28 and Natural Resources; President of the University of Hawaii
29 System; Chairperson of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Commander
30 of the United States Army Garrison-Hawaii; Mayor of the City and
31 County of Honolulu; President of the Hawaii State AFL-CIO; and
32 President of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii.

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